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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES: REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION, AND OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING SUPPORT TO REGIONAL PROGRAMMES

Draft decision proposed by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole following informal consultations

Regional cooperation between countries of eastern and central Europe

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the statement made by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its first session, 1/ noting the wish of some eastern and central European countries to establish an additional regional implementation annex to the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997, paragraph 6, inviting the Conference of the Parties to facilitate the elaboration of an additional regional implementation annex to the Convention for the countries of the eastern and central European region,

Having taken note of the wish of the concerned countries to become Parties to the Convention by completing the process of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession,

1. Urges observer countries from eastern and central Europe to take appropriate actions to become parties to the Convention through the early completion of the process of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Convention, thereby facilitating adoption of the additional annex to the Convention by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session;

1/ ICCD/COP(1)/11, paragraph 53.

2. Takes note of the progress made through the informal consultations aimed at producing a draft for an additional implementation annex to the Convention;

3. Invites countries of eastern and central Europe to pursue consultations with a view of producing a draft additional implementation annex to the Convention;

4. Invites also the countries of eastern and central Europe to submit a draft additional implementation annex to the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third session;

5. Requests the secretariat to continue to support the process under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.